

MDOT CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES



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Governor's Executive Directive

No. 2003 – 25, dated Dec. 23, 2003 titled: Context Sensitive Design for Transportation Projects



Defines CSS as:

"A collaborative, interdisciplinary approach involving stakeholders for the development of a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility."

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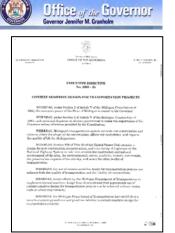
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Governor's Executive Directive

Recognizes:

- Importance of transportation systems
- Section 109 of Title 23 of the US Code
- Enhancement opportunities
- Achievable without undue costs



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Governor's Executive Directive

Directs MDOT to:

- Incorporate CSS into projects
- Encourage and institutionalize CSS
- Create educational programs
- Expand tools for use with CSS
- Prepare Guiding Principles
- Invite participation by various groups to contribute in the development of policies





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Transportation Commission Policy

Context Sensitive Solutions Adopted May 25, 2005





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Transportation Commission Policy

- Recognizes Governor's Directive
- Pursues a CSS process consistent with MDOT mission of providing mobility and safety
- Promotes partnerships
- Early in planning considers integrated transportation options
- Uses flexibility within design standards





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Transportation Commission Policy

Incorporates CSS into MDOT's transportation Program consistent with CSS principles:

- Early and continuous public involvement
- Effective decision making
- Reflecting community values
- Achieving environmental stewardship
- Ensuring safe and feasible integrated solutions
- Protecting scenic resources
- Achieving aesthetically pleasing solutions





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Implementation Plan

Draft MDOT Implementation Plan Dated December 13, 2004, titled:

"Context Sensitive Solutions"

Recommendations drafted by the MDOT CSS Team using input from over 60 stakeholder organizations





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List of Recommendations:

- Partnering
- Public engagement

Implementation Plan

- Flexibility in design
- Education
- Mobility
- Corridor approach
- Transition plan
- Measurements





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Conclusion

MDOT is committed to implementing CSS throughout its organization as required by the Governor's Executive Directive and Transportation Commission Policy.







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